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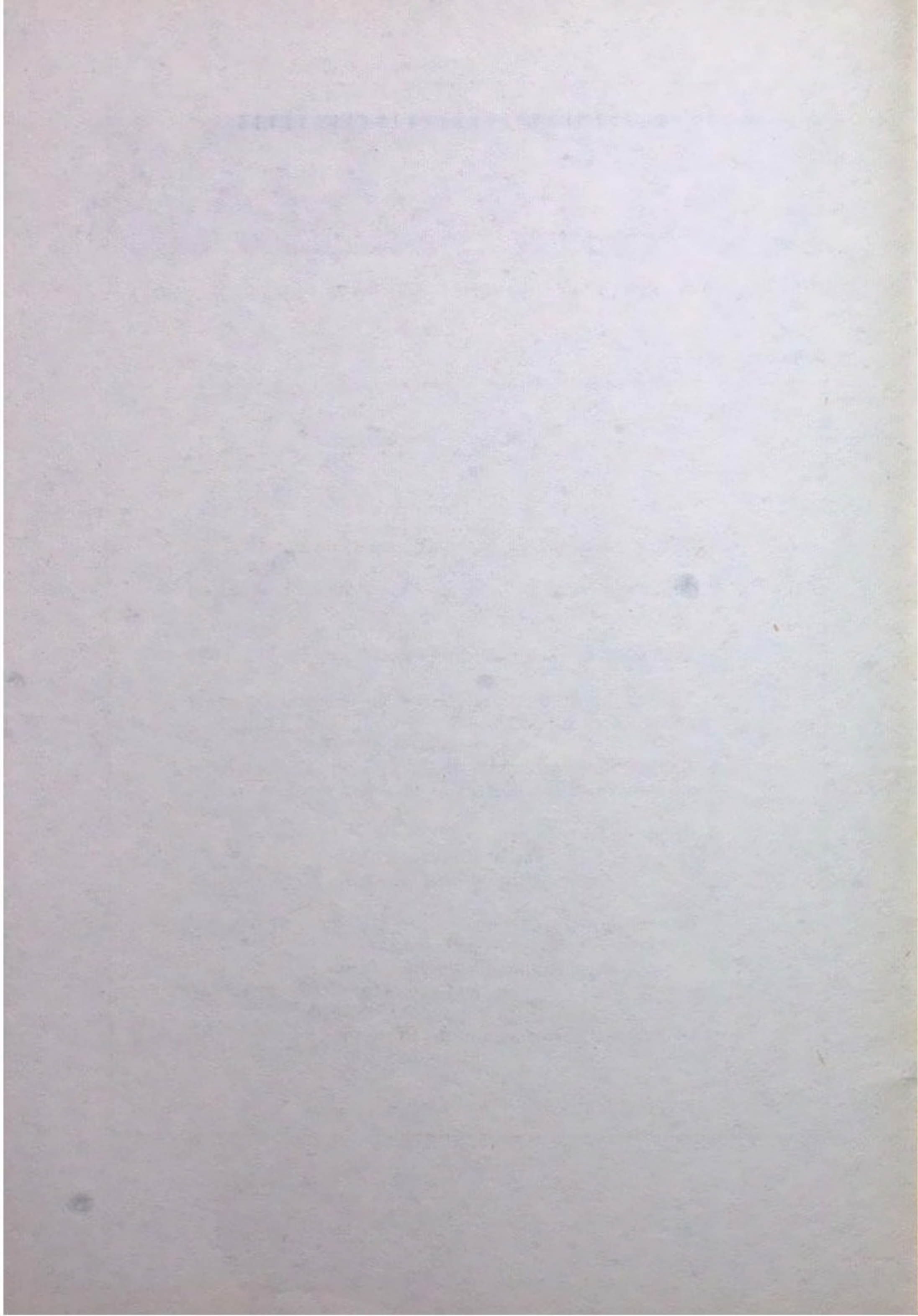
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STATEMENT

The Plenary Meeting of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey convened. The Plenary Meeting analysed the urgent questions of struggle for preservation of peace, Turkey being a factor of peace in the region, overthrow of the junta and establishment of democracy. It discussed heavy losses of the party as the result of attacks of the junta and searched the ways of overcoming these. It pointed out the measures of protecting the cadres and the party. It also examined the preparations for the Fifth Congress.

The Plenary Meeting took place under the conditions of reactionary military dictatorship which is increasingly being tied with the US imperialism, and in the country, it applies repression not only on the communists but also on other progressive forces and all potential forces in opposition to the junta. The Plenary Meeting pointed out that a new period has appeared in the process of junta becoming increasingly reactionary.

Today, our people, Turkey face with the danger of being destroyed in a nuclear war, by crazy attempts of Reagan which increase tensions and arms race and by pro-NATO, pro-American foreign policy of the reactionary military dictatorship. Continuation of military occupation in Cyprus, mounting the tensions with Greece, overt and covert subversive acts against Iran and Afghanistan, continuous efforts of armament are in contradiction with our national interests. The Plenary Meeting of the CC called upon the people for a struggle to place Turkey in the ranks of the peace forces as soon as possible, to establish stable friendship with our neighbours under all conditions, to close the American and NATO bases on the soil of Turkey, for withdrawal Turkey from the NATO and to take part in the non-aligned countries' movement, withdrawal of the army from Cyprus without any condition and clear off all nuclear arms in Balkans. The Plenary Meeting, with all its power supported pro-peace efforts of the socialist countries, above all of the Soviet Union and peace proposals of Comrade L.I. Brezhnev which were put forward in the Congress of the Trade Unions of the Soviet Union and emphasized the significance of the peace struggle raising in capitalist countries in which Turkish workers who are working in those countries also join into this struggle.

The Plenary Meeting, consistently defended the democratic rights and liberties. It underlined the policy of the party in relation with overthrow of the junta, formation of a national, democratic provisional government, realisation of anti-imperialist, anti-monopoly transformations, democratisation of the state and elections for a Constituent Assembly.

The Plenary Meeting has fixed the policy of the party in connection with referendum of the junta for a new Constitution. There are possibilities of inflicting a blow to the junta in this referendum, by realisation of unity of all political forces, the working class, middle strata and the peasants who stand against tearing off 1961 Constitution. The CPT defends a national, democratic

constitution which will be in line with the interests of all these forces.

The Plenary Meeting put forward the tasks before the Party in order to guide all these forces who are for democracy and to rally these forces in a single national democratic front. Recently, these forces have been broadened. The tendency of joint action among these forces has been strengthened. The Plenary Meeting has evaluated the joint statement of CPT, Worker's Party of Turkey (WPT), Socialist Worker's Party of Turkey (SWPT) as an important step towards the unity of all progressive forces. CPT will continue to give efforts for strengthening the steps taken along this direction.

The Plenary Meeting has taken the decision for further strengthening the struggle against inhuman, repressive measures upon communists and other progressive forces in prisons and to save them.

The Plenary Meeting has analysed the reasons of heavy losses of our party in May 1981. Experiences of our party shows that wherever the principle of illegality has weakened, wherever discipline did not exist, wherever appeared a tendency of factionism, the enemy attacked from those points and inflicted the heaviest blows from these gaps. Rapid growing of our party after the leap made in 1973, but in contrary, not having the same speed in solution of organisational and ideological questions has caused these heavy losses. The Plenary Meeting has pointed out that it was unforgivable mistake to close the eyes to disobedience to discipline, to factionalist tendency, no matter how insignificant it is, and to artisanship. It has once more underlined the vital significance of protecting the party and the cadres under present conditions in which arrests were carried out continuously.

The Plenary Meeting dealt with crucial importance of the unity of the world communist movement under conditions of growing dangers of a nuclear war which will be the end of humanity. In this connection, it has sharply opposed the views of Italian Communist Party leadership which was also overwhelmingly opposed by other fraternal parties. The Communist Party of Turkey follows and will follow the inspired path of the Great October Revolution and Marxism-Leninism, proletarian internationalism.

May 19, 1982

Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

STATEMENT

Haig, Foreign Minister of the USA has arrived at Ankara with his bag filled with plans of death. The USA imperialism, especially Reagan Administration gives special importance to Turkey. It intensifies its efforts in order to make our country a gendarme of the NATO in the Middle East. It aims to make use of Turkey as a spring board above all, against the Soviet Union and against national liberation movements in the region.

It pretends as not being aware of decisive efforts of the Soviet Union in order to protect peace. It hides again its aims behind the lie of "Soviet threat". It emphasizes that Turkey is the most reliable alliance in order to prevent the danger and its place can not be replaced. It considers Turkey as a "shield". Words of Haig is an open expression of their aims to make Turkey as a base for their nuclear missiles and for Rapid Deployment Forces. These words are nothing else

but aim of throwing our people in to the flames. On the other hand, these words of Haig shows once more that Reagan's recent speech on peace is only a deception.

Haig, relying on "Joint Defence Group" agreement, imposes now, a concrete plan for its application. This plan is the plan of an inauspicious role given to Turkey in order to change the balance of forces in the Near and Middle East, to sabotage peace, and to increase tensions. The situation is very critical. The US imperialism, by making use of present conditions of reactionary military dictatorship, wants to put its plans into practice, rapidly. Reactionary junta takes a stand which gets closer to the US imperialism.

This dangerous course means sabotaging peace, destroying our people in the flames of war, and in the country, it means heavier repression, torture, unemployment and hunger.

The Communist Party of Turkey, step by step, follows the new developments which appear by the visit of Haig. It will explain concretely to our people that this new bargain destroys our national interests.

CPT calls upon all peace-loving, democratic forces and our people to oppose these war and death plans of the US imperialism which were expressed by Haig and being applied by the reactionary junta, step by step.

No! Our country should not be a shield against peace, but it should be a shield against war and it will be so!

May 13, 1982

*Political Bureau
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey*

STATEMENT

Haig, Foreign Minister of the USA held meetings with representatives of the junta. The main point of the talks was acceleration of preparations for making use of Turkey as a further sign-post in the Middle East. On this subject, the junta and Haig again tidely held the lie of "Soviet threat" Haig characterized Turkey as "a decisive and indispensable ally". In this connection, the public opinion has faced a series of dangerous developments.

Concrete plans of the USA in relation with intervention to Near East from the Eastern part of Turkey became known by the public opinion. New agreement has been made in connection with new bases for the US Rapid Deployment Forces in the eastern region of Turkey. These attempts and many other military plans between the USA and Turkey are proposing some important changes in the relations of forces surrounding Turkey. Hangars, airports and barracks are being built in the eastern part of Turkey, in Diyarbakır and Incirlik. There is a storage of nuclear arms in Erzurum. Besides, there are airports in Bitlis and Van and a military base in Kars which is very close to the boundary with the Soviet Union are being built secretly. Intervention of the Turkish army or Americans in Iran Irak and Syria from these bases of Turkey have been planned.

Further more, agreements between Turkey and the USA have been made for modernisation of Turkish Air Forces and purchase of 300 new model planes and joint production of these planes. Foreign Minister Haig had discussions with the junta in order to sell F-16, F-18, F-5 and F-5 planes with very high prices.

Visit of Haig means to mount the conflict policy of the USA further up. The

military junta, under the leadership of General Evren is ready to give an open support to this aggressive policy.

This does not only increase the danger of war in this region, but it is also directed against the national interests of the people of Turkey and other peoples of the region. Results of realisation of these plans will further deepen the domestic policy and economical crisis in Turkey. This also means increasing terror and repression upon the people of Turkey.

Therefore, the bargain between the junta and the Foreign Minister Haig did not include protection of human rights or release of Peace Committee members, arrested 52 DİSK leaders and other patriots.

These dangerous death plans of the junta and Haig goes in line with other aggressive plans of the USA. For example:

- Support of aggressive attacks of England against Argentine on the subject of Falkland islands,
- Provocative sea manoeuvres of the USA in Carebbean characterized as "a show of power against Cuba" by the American press agency, Associated Press,
- Unlimited support of the attacks of Israel and Republic of South Africa are among these aggressive actions.

Our people, all forces for peace and democracy should come against the death plans of Haig, arms race, use of Rapid Deployment Forces and Deployment of nuclear missiles in our soil.

All forces in opposition to the USA and junta should now join in struggle of our people for peace, and living in security.

Let us not to permit Turkey to be a target of the US imperialism and the NATO in a nuclear war.

Today is the most urgent task today.

The Communist Party of Turkey has mobilised and will mobilise all its forces for this struggle.

May 17, 1982

*Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey*

SPEECH MADE BY COMRADE İ. BİLEN, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE CPT, IN THE FIFTEENTH CONGRESS OF AKEL

Esteemed Comrades,

On behalf of the CC of the CPT, on behalf of the communists of our country, I would like to express my courdial greetings to the Fifteenth Congress of Working People's Progressive Party of Cyprus-AKEL. I would like to pass the fraternal greetings of the working class of Turkey and the people of Turkey to you and to all Cypriot people through you.

We have the pleasure for being present in this great forum of the Cypriot communists and greeting you. This meeting is the result of revolutionary ties between CPT and AKEL which is based on principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and these ties continuously consolidated. Our meeting here is the evidence of friendship among the working class of our countries and our people. It is the symbol of our common struggle raising against the common enemy, imperialism and above all, against the US Administration, NATO, militarism in our region, reaction and chauvinism.

Comrades,

Peace. Permanent and just peace. This is the vital demand of the Cypriot people. In 1974, Turkish armed forces intervened Cyprus and occupied the part of it. Green island has painted with blood. Many youngmen from Turkey gave their lives during this onslaught. For whom? For the interests of monopolies, imperialism, NATO, for the interests of Turkish militarist and chauvinist circles. Since then, the food stolen from the tables of our working class and labouring people are being spent in order to feed the army. The turkish army in Cyprus is a heavy burden for the economy.

On the other hand, 200 thousand Cypriots were deprived of their homes... Two thousand Cpriots were lost. The US imperialism and NATO makes many plans in order to use Cyprus for its aggressive aims. Territorial integrity and non-alignment of Cyprus are not only destroyed but today faces with greater dangers than before.

In 1974, CPT, called upon the army, and said: "Mehmetçik(soldier), return home!" We knew from the beginning how far these gloomy plans of imperialism and of the militarist circles would go. That time, the militarist and chauvinist circles had started a campaign of blackening the CPT. Turkish army intervened the island in order to bring so-called "liberty". But it brought pain not only to the Greeks but also to the Turkish Cypriots. Now, Turkish Cypriots, for 8 years are under the threat and repression of the military rule of the Turkish army and of the racists who have been brought to the island by Denktaş. Repression was further fanned, just before the Prime Minister of the junta, Uluşu has visited occupied part of Cyprus. Turkish Cypriots however, have expressed their indignation by using their votes for those parties who defended the territorial integrity, sovereignty, non-alignment of the island and brotherhood among peoples.

Comrades,

Today, our parties have common views for solution of Cyprus problem. Solution is determination of, above all, independence of Cyprus, its sovereignty territorial integrity and non-alignment. Turkish army and all foreign troops should be withdrawn from the island. All foreign bases should be closed. Demilitarisation of Cyprus should be determined. Cyprus should be an island in which both Greeks and Turks live in cooperation and it should be the bastion fo peace, brotherhood and cooperation for all peoples in the region. Decisions of United Nations General Assembly and Security Council shold be realised. Cyprus problem, absolutely should be taken from the supervision of the NATO, international components of this question should be solved in an international conference under supervision of United Nations and sufficient security measures should be guaranteed. In order to solve inner aspects of the question, inter-communal talks should be carried out on the basis of United Nations and top level inter-communal agreements.

Progressive forces of Turkey, with all its power supports just struggle of the Cypriot people. AKEL, the party of Turkish-Greek all Cypriot working class and working people leads this struggle on the basis of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism. Communists of Cyprus wages a decisive struggle for unity of forces, for democracy, realisation of the minimum programme, for democratic rights of working class and all labouring people, for further strengthening the mass organisations of the people for further advancing friendship and consolidation of brotherhood among Greek and Turkish Cypriots, and

for protection of peace in the region and in the world. CPT is fully in solidarity with fraternal Party, AKEL.

Esteemed Comrades,

We believe undefeatable power of our people and proletarian internationalism for overcoming these hard tasks. Before I conclude my speech, I would like to express our belief that fraternal party, AKEL will successfully fulfil the tasks which were put forward in the Fifteenth Congress.

Long live the Working People's Progressive Party, AKEL!

Long live Marxism-Leninism!

Long live proletarian internationalism!

(Abridged)

SPEECH MADE ON BEHALF OF THE CPT, IN THE IV. CONFERENCE OF THE PROGRESSIVE FORCES OF THE MEDITERRANEAN REGION

I would like to convey greetings of the Communist Party of Turkey to you and wish great successes to the IV. Conference of Progressive Forces of the Mediterranean Region.

Dear friends,

The IV. Conference is being held in a period when tensions in international relations have been increased. The policy of the US imperialism which is based on force and hegemonism endangers the peace in the world and especially in our region. The Mediterranean region and the Middle East which are thousands of kilometres far away from the USA are declared as the "areas of interest" of Washington. Increasing arms race, Spain's joining to the NATO, provocations against Libya Djemahiriye, and finally strengthening of military presence of the USA in Morocco, Turkey, Egypt and in the Mediterranean region are components of this policy. Imperialism and local reactionary forces are trying to prevent realisation of measures for national independence, peace and social progress of the Mediterranean peoples by force. Terrorist and annexation policy of Israel, war against the people of Sahara and occupation of Cyprus are the evidences of this.

Turkey, from the point of imperialism strategically occupies an important position. There are 101 American and NATO bases in Turkey. Nuclear arms are deployed in these bases. The military regime which took power with September 12 coup makes easy for imperialists to carry out their plans. They are trying to form a new pact between the USA, Turkey, Israel, Egypt, South Arabia, Sudan and Pakistan. A new agreement has been signed between the junta and the USA Administration in order to create a "Joint Defence Group". The USA aims to place its Rapid Deployment Forces in our soil. Our country faces the danger of being rapidly dragged into a conflict, as the result of the provocations of the USA which does not hide its preparations of intervention in the Middle East and the Soviet Union. The military junta, itself, increases tensions by destroying the relations with Greece and keeping Cyprus occupied.

The reactionary junta increases its repression on the democratic and peace-loving forces who oppose the policy of capitulation of imperialism. Nearly 170 thousand people have been arrested in one and a half year and subjected to wild tortures. 14 persons have been executed. Main democratic freedoms and trade

unionist rights were abolished. 52 leaders of the Revolutionary Trade Unions Confederation (DİSK) are being tried for their trade union activities and faced with death penalties. Repression is directed to broad sections, from the Communist Party to the ex-Premier Ecevit, to the leaders of the Peace Committee and Kurdish democrats.

Our people is forced to pay the high price of dependence to imperialism. Unemployment, poverty, are the results of repression and dependence. Therefore struggle for peace is closely connected with the struggle for democracy, independence and social progress. We are very much appreciated with advance of the struggle of the progressive forces for independence and peace. We express our solidarity with all these forces, especially with the peoples of Palestine and Sahara. In order to protect interests of our people and for the sake of peace. Mediterranean region should be cleared off the nuclear arms and rescued from the NATO. We are sure that the conference will be a step forward in the direction of our common task, peace, independence brotherhood among our people and solidarity in the anti-imperialist struggle.

— from party organs —

Atılım, June 1, 1982

THE WOLF IN LAMP'S SKIN

Recently, the tone and the style of the statements of White House has undergone some changes. Reagan, frequently began to talk about reduction of nuclear arms. Reagan Administration who had been refusing proposals of talks in connection with reduction of nuclear arms, on the pretext of events in Afghanistan, Poland and Salvador, suddenly announced that it was ready for talks. As the barrier disappeared it has been decided to start talks between the USA and the Soviet Union on June 29, in Genova, on the subject of limitation and reduction of strategical nuclear arms.

What happened? Has the USA Administration decided to present constructive approach to two vital questions of our days, limitation of medium-ranged nuclear arms in Europe and limitation of inter-continental nuclear arms? Have they ceased from attempts to carry out talks from the "positions of force" and giving effort to obtain military superiority? Of course, no! Hawks of the White House, in the face of raising anti-war actions and decisive proposals of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries to start a dialog, are trying to present themselves as peace pigeons.

Their aim is to prevent anti-war and disarmament movement which raised rapidly, to hide their present attempts of changing military strategical balance, especially make the policy of the USA to be approved in the Summit Meeting of the NATO in which Reagan will also participate. Their aim is to cover the reality that their mad-like policy and actions was the main origin of danger of war.

If the Reagan Administration was really for disarmament, would the USA take

a stand of preventing constructive results from the talks between the USA and the Soviet Union in Genova, for limitation of nuclear arms which lasted for months? If this question does not get any answer until the end of 1983, a new strategical situation will develop in Europe and in the world, danger of a nuclear conflict will be increased seriously. This is such a question that its solution can not be delayed.

Unchanged Aggressive Essence

First of all, the USA rejected mutual moratorium proposals of the Soviet Union during the talks. In contrary, it started preparations for ramps in West Europe for new American missiles. The White House, while making unthinkable demands which propose one-sided "Zero-option" of nuclear arms in Europe by the Soviet Union, the Soviet Union made a constructive, realistic proposal that at first hand, medium-ranged nuclear arms should be reduced by one third, by both sides. It announced that it was ready for mutual reduction in broader scale and also for a real "zero-option". Comrade Brezhnev announced in the 17. Congress of the Soviet Trade Unions that the Soviet Union made a decision one-sidedly to freeze and to limit the number of medium-ranged missiles not only in Europe but also in the region which is able to reach FRG and West Europe and to stop preparations for deploying new missiles. On the Congress of the Comsomol on May 17, he stated that the decision was put into practice and number of missiles were decreased in a great extent.

Reply of the USA Administration to this constructive attempt was to demand withdrawal of medium-ranged missiles of the Soviet Union from the eastern region of the country. (!) Comrade Brezhnev announced that the Soviet Union was ready to solve this question on the basis of equality and through mutual talks, with those countries which have missiles directed to the eastern region of the Soviet Union. No doubt that this is a different question. But there is one meaning of it when it is put as a barrier for reduction of nuclear arms in Europe: The USA Administration has no other aim than driving the talks to death end, to gain time and to take the time of peace-loving forces until the end of 1983...

Sheer Hypocrisy

Proposals of Reagan, in his speech on May 9 proved that on the subject of strategical nuclear arms, Washington has no other aim in the meeting which will start soon. First of all, this proposal includes only one element among the complex of all strategical arms, that is, ballistic missiles which are deployed in land and sea. Above all, it includes reduction in the number of inter-continental missiles and war heads which were deployed in land. But these arms determines existing strategical balance, due to historical and geographical conditions in contrary to the USA, have great weight and significance in the defence potential of the Soviet Union.

But Reagan quietly curtails the reality that the USA has superiority in strategical bombers. But, even at the time when SALT II was signed, the USA had four times more bombers (573) than the Soviet Union (156). Further more, the USA produces 200 new B-1 type planes. In addition, proposals of Reagan do not mention long-ranged, winged missiles which were deployed in land,

air and sea. These, however were characterized as strategical arms in SALT II agreement and the types which were deployed in air were limited. The USA Administration has started to produce thousands of these new nuclear arms which are the means of first nuclear attack. These proposals do not at all mention to the USA missiles which were deployed in further positions and are able to strike the targets in the Soviet Union and other socialist countries and to the nuclear arms of England and France who are also members of the NATO.

Proposals of Reagan, with mutterings of "not limitation, but reduction", in reality do not aim to limit strategical nuclear arms. They demand from the Soviet Union, to make one-sided reduction of nuclear arms.

As it comes to the Soviet Union, it approaches to these talks with such a constructive attitude: Above all, talks should start with the aim of reaching a successful solution, not with the aim of hiding or propagating aggressive plans, and taking time. Both sides should obey the principles of equality, and mutual trust. All positive gains which were obtained until now, during the preparations for SALT II should be protected. Talks should be directed to the aim of considerable reduction of strategical arms and limitation of producing new types. As the race of producing strategical arms continues, it will be difficult to reach a conclusion in the meeting. Therefore, right after beginning of talks, number of such kind arms should be freezed mutually, modernisations should be limited down a maximum level.

Here it is, one is an aggressive, covered with the mask of peace, and the other, really a constructive attitude for presevation of peace. Two aims!

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REPRESSION INTENSIFIES

In May, cross-examination of DİSK leaders who are threatened with the demand of death penalty continued. A. Baştürk, Chairman of DİSK, in the court case on May 12 pointed out that his statements were changed and recorded wrongly in a way that can give different meanings. He asked the judge to use stenography and tape-recorders. Fascist military prosecutor, S. Takkeci rejected this demand and put a prohibition for such demands from now on. Baştürk replied provocative questions about general strikes, demonstrations, mass actions and May Day actions, as these actions were in accordance with the Constitution and recognised by the United Nations and ILO, as fundamental rights.

In the case which took place on May 28, Baştürk underlined that 1961 Constitution was open for socialist ideas and stated that DİSK was for genuine transformations and reforms in line with the constitution.

While the DİSK trial continues, leaders of DİSK are being tried with demand of death penalties, Türk-İş under the umbrella of the junta and in cooperation with it, held its congress in May.

The congress which took place under the bayonets of the junta was followed by the Ambassador of the USA. Invitation of Zionists from Israel to the

congress has created indignation in public opinion. International Confederation of Free Trade Unions and Federal German Trade Unions protested this congress and took a decision not to send any delegation to the congress. ICFTU called upon all affiliated trade unions and asked them not to send delegations to the congress as a protest of close cooperation of Türk-İş with the junta.

The congress ended with election of Şevket Yılmaz who was from the JP and was supported by the monopolist circles. However, strong voices raised from the rank-and-file for protection of workers rights and against restriction of trade union rights and liberties. A decision was approved with the pressure of rank-and-file, in connection with protection of democratic rights and freedoms recognised by the 1961 Constitution. Türk-İş congress, inspite of repression and terror of the junta and its reactionary leadership, proved that working class was able to carry out its struggle for its fundamental rights and interents.

Attacks towards peace-loving forces of Turkey has gained new dimensions in May. Prosecutor demanded 8-30 years of imprisonment for leaders of the Peace Committee who have been under arrest since March 25. The trial will start on June 24. Main accusation directed to the leaders of the Peace Committee who are outstanding scientists, politicians, doctors and writers of the country is that this organisation had so-called connections with the CPT and working for the Soviet Union. For the prosecutors of the junta whoever is for protection of peace, he works for the Soviet Union. The junta administration, on one hand, approving aggressive plans of the USA, on the other hand, filling the jails with those who are waging struggle against the NATO and 'Rapid Deployment Forces' and arranging invented trials, all proves that it is not for preservation of peace.

Trial against 80 founders and leaders of the Worker's Party of Turkey continued in Istanbul. The prosecutor demanded up to 36 years of imprisonment for the leaders of WPT. The prosecutor also demanded to arrest 17 members of WPT who were not under arrest. But the court of judges has rejected this demand. This month, 17 members of the Socialist Worker's Party of Turkey were taken under detention.

Following the demand of lawyers from the Nationalist Action Party, 160 MPs from the Republican People's Party were cross-examined by Ankara Martial Law authorities. Besides, 375 former MPs and senate members were asked to report at the prosecutor's office in order to be cross-examined. Cross-examination of B.Ecevit, ex-Premier and the Chairman of the RPP, because of his statements in Der Spiegel and TV of Holland was continued. Public prosecutor has demanded up to 5 years of imprisonment for B.Ecevit.

Trial against the CPT continues. In trials of Ankara province, those who were being cross-examined, stated that they have been subjected to torture and they were forced to sign false statemets. They demanded that these should be considered null and void and under such conditions, it is impossible for them to defend themselves.

The organ of the German Communist Party, Unsere Zeit in its issue of May 13, 1982, published impressions of a lawyer who visited Turkey in March. The lawyer, during his visit, spoke to profesors, military prosecutors and many of others and also followed the trial against the CPT in Gölcük. What he told about this trial as follows: "...Defendants' hair was shaved. The colour of their face was between copper mold and ashes. Obviously they had not been in day-

light." In the article, the lawyer tells about an event which happened before his eyes. Only witness in the trial was the commander of military prison in Gölcük, İlkin Sungurcu and he gave false information and this was proved by the lawyers of the defendants.

Martial Law Commanders have introduced censorship for information about trials against DİSK, CPT and WPT. Given reason for application of censorship is defendants statements which were considered as propaganda.

Repression of the junta on patriotic writers and intellectuals increases. The junta administration has banned publication of B. Brecht's poems. A. Bezirci and A. Kadir who translated the works of Brecht are being prosecuted. The managing-editor of the jurnal "Kitle", Bahattin Erdoğan was sentenced to 9 years of heavy imprisonment for separatist and communist propaganda.

On the other hand, 91 woman prisoners who had protested tortures in Mamak Prison and started a hunger strike, were taken before the court. Prosecutor demanded 6 years of imprisonment for them.

Despite all arrests, repression, torture and prosecutions, imprisoned fascist NAP members are being released in groups. In May, out of 280 NAP members whose cross-examinations were completed, 237 of them were released.

SOLIDARITY ON THE UPGRADE

International solidarity with progressives, patriots, democrats and trade unionists of Turkey, who are under arrest continues in many countries of Europe. Voices of protest against repression and terror of the junta raises everywhere.

Bar Association of Holland protested the junta administration who abolished the rights of defence in the DİSK trial and demanded release of O. Apaydın who was the defence lawyer in the DİSK trial and also the Chairman of the Bar Association of İstanbul and one of the leaders of the Peace Committee of Turkey. International relations secretary of the Sweedish Dock Workers Trade Union made an announcement and protested judgement of 52 DİSK leaders with a threat of death penalties and underlined that Sweedish dock workers were in solidarity with the working class of Turkey and DİSK. He also sent a letter of protest to Evren and a solidarity message to A. Baştürk.

In Federal Germany, an organisation named "Solidarity Initiative with the Democrats of Turkey" sent a greetings message to the Chairman of DİSK, A. Baştürk. Solidarity with all trade unionists was expressed in the message and said: "DİSK trials as a whole are directed to the trade union movement in Turkey. At the same time, Federal German working class movement is also closely interested in this. We, on behalf of tens of thousands of German trade unionists and democrats demand release of trade unionists and democrats of Turkey.

On the other hand, in Duinsburg of Federal Germany, more than ten thousand people have participated in a march and emphasized their solidarity with democratic forces of Turkey. They demanded release of DİSK leaders and all arrested people. Among the participants, besides Turkish and Kurdish workers working in Federal Germany, Federal Germany Anti-imperialist Solidarity Committee, Organisation of Young German Democrats, Communist Party of Germany, Young Socialists, Green Movement, German Young Socialist Workers, Marxist Union of Students, German Higher Education Youth, German Trade Unions and others.

In May, democratic forces of Denmark have protested repression and arrests of the junta in Turkey. The march organised by the Communist Party of Denmark was an important step in the line of solidarity with democratic forces of Turkey. Beria Onger, the President of the Progressive Women's Association of Turkey (İKD), spoke to the participants of the demonstration. She said: "Results of struggle against the junta, surely will be determined by struggle of our people. But, international solidarity is indispensibly significant for us in order to reach our target. We believe in our victory, because we know that in every county those for the mankind and justice will support us."

On May 8-9, Conference for "Solidarity with Cyprus for Realisation of United Nations Decisions" was held. A delegation from Turkey, on behalf of the peace-loving forces also participated in the conference. A message was sent to the democratic forces of Turkey expressing solidarity with all forces who have been subjected to repression of the junta.

Further more, delegations from Turkey, Greece and Cyprus made a joint statement and underlined their support for all initiatives in the direction of disarmament, creation of regions free from nuclear arms, their efforts for independent, non-aligned, sovereign Cyprus and expressed their solidarity with democratic forces of Turkey.

LAYING THE GROUND FOR "RDF" IN TURKEY

In the report of the Political Bureau of the CC of the CPT which was read in the Plenary Meeting of the CC in May, following statement was made: "The US imperialism takes new steps in direction to its aggressive plans in the Middle East. It supports the terrorist, aggressive policy of Israel against the peoples of Palestine. On the other hand, Pentagon has established 'Joint Defence Groups' with various countries including Turkey. It has got opportunities for its bases in some countries including Turkey. It intensifies its attempts of sabotaging the anti-imperialist regime in Iran. It applies every method which enables him to strengthen its weakened positions in the region, to slow down the powerful anti-imperialist struggle and to suppress the development of national liberation struggles. In this connection, the junta, step by step, trails in the wake of the US imperialism... the danger of our country being dragged into adventures has grown".

In May, developments in Turkey supports this statement. Haig who had visited Turkey many times when he was a commander of the NATO, this time came to Turkey as a Foreign Minister. In the meeting which he held at Esenboğa airport, he said: "Turkey has been a reliable friend of the USA and a member of the NATO that it can not be replaced and it will continue to be like that." Foreign Minister of the junta, Türkmen, after underlining the special importance of this visit, characterised it as "proof of active and everlasting partnership between the USA and Turkey, and is able to overcome all difficulties". He pointed out that he met the NATO policy of Reagan with 'appreciation' and said "we are using all our effort which is necessary for realisation of aims of the NATO in political and military fields."

Haig had discussions with his 'colleague' on the subjects of enlargement of the US and the NATO bases in Turkey, establishment of new bases and installations stationing for 'Rapid Deployment Forces' in Turkey.

On the other hand, the British weekly New Statesman, in its article on 'Rapid Deployment Forces', wrote that the military aid of the USA to Turkey includes extension of Erzurum, Diyarbakır, Kars and above all, Van airports for modern planes and change of radar systems with the up-to-date technology. According to the reports of Pentagon, Van Airport is preferred from the point of its closeness to the oil countries. It is known that as an addition to Turkish-American 'Joint Defence' agreement, preparations for Memorandum of Understanding have been made but, it has not approved yet. This document, covers extension and modernization of all military airports in Turkey. Now, airports of Van, Bitlis and Kars are being extended and Van airport has closed for landings for 4 months. By extension of airports in eastern provinces, B-52 bombers which carry strategical arms will be able to base in these regions and they will be used for intervention by the American "Rapid Deployment Forces" in the Middle East and in the Persian Gulf.

The junta administration has approved the decisions taken in the meeting of Council of Ministers of the NATO, in Luxemburg. According to the joint statement, during intervention of Rapid Deployment Forces in the Middle East and in oil countries of the Persian Gulf, the USA will be able to benefit from the opportunities of the NATO countries. In other words, during an operation of the USA against the Middle East countries, it will use bases and other opportunities in Turkey.

In addition, Haluk Bayülken, Minister of Defence announced that important means of early warning systems, AWACS planes would be put into use in 1983 and they would land in Konya Airport. Now works have been carried on at Konya Airport and it was announced that 11 million dollars would be spent for this construction. Turkish pilots of four AWACS planes which will be used in Turkey, are to be trained soon and group of pilots will be sent to the USA. Information collected by these planes will be transferred to the NATO. As it is known, every NATO country will contribute to the AWACS project. Contribution of Turkey is 20 million dollars and supposed to be paid until 1985.

On the other hand, Minister of State of the junta, Öztrak in the interview with 'Time', said: "Here, we are the border guards of the NATO. We took the responsibility of security of the West" and made a confession: "even if we did not receive understanding as we had expected, we understand this and we shall continue being the guard of boundaries" Deputy Defence Minister of the USA, Richard Perle who also carries out the project of "Rapid Deployment Forces" made a statement to the news agency Akajans, and there, he said: "We consider Turkey as a close and reliable ally. Sometimes, it is more reliable than us." and pointed that the junta has succeeded to gain further confidence of the USA Administration.

Joint production of war planes in Turkey now reached to the stage of application. Bargain with General Dynamics for F-16 planes and with Northrop for FA-18L planes continues.

The junta administration continuously pushes away the concrete peace proposals of the Soviet Union. Now it is making preparations for B-52 bombers and AWACS spying planes. As it is known, both of them are used during the operation of "Rapid Deployment Forces." This clearly shows that the junta administration will give permission for use of Rapid Deployment Forces in our country. The junta, step by step goes to the direction of being the shock-force of the USA imperialism in the Middle East and it is step by step becoming more reactionary.

TO THE XV. CONGRESS OF THE PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF THE WORKING PEOPLE OF CYPRUS - AKEL

Dear Comrades,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey, on behalf of the communists of Turkey and the working class of our country, wholeheartedly greet the XV. Congress of Progressive Party of Working People of Cyprus - AKEL and convey militant revolutionary greetings to You.

Comrades,

Your Congress is being held in an atmosphere that the USA Administration and the NATO circles are following a policy of mounting tensions, and fanning conflicts with socialist countries and arms race to the extraordinary levels. On one hand, aggressive circles of imperialism, with the idea that they may be able to win a "limited" nuclear war, are planning to deploy new nuclear missiles in West Europe, on the other hand, by increasing their military existence in different regions of the world and Eastern Mediterranean, they are threatening the peoples of the region. This crazy policy, at the same time, further increases dangers directed to independence, territorial integrity, sovereignty and non-alignment of Cyprus. This provocative policy, support of reactionary military dictatorship in Turkey with every opportunity, increases their desires to use our country as a tool in the region for the interests of the US imperialism and the NATO against peace. For this reason, joint struggle for preservation of peace, continuation of detente and struggle against deployment of new American nuclear missiles in West Europe are powerful factors, bringing together the communists of Turkey and Cyprus. Leninist peace policy of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries is the most powerful support and strongest reliance for us in this struggle.

Comrades,

Your Congress faces with important tasks such as elevation of living standards of working people of Cyprus, to take steps towards democratisation of the country. Undoubtedly, fulfilment of these tasks is closely connected with solution of the Cyprus problem in a peaceful and just way. Reactionary military dictatorship of Turkey not only continues to keep Turkish military forces in the island, but also threatens the future of Cyprus with its new initiatives in line with the policy of the USA. The Communist Party of Turkey supports with all its strength the struggle of Greek-Turk all working peoples, to secure independence, territorial integrity, sovereignty and non-alignment of Cyprus. It supports all efforts for realization of the decisions of the United Nations, continuation of inter-communal talks under the guardianship of the United Nations and on the basis of top level agreements and convening of an international conference under supervision of the United Nations.

Comrades,

You are closely following the developments in Turkey. Working people of Cyprus, our brother Cypriots are raising solidarity with the working class of Turkey, whose trade unions and political organisations have been subjected to the heavy attacks of junta and peace-loving democratic forces of country. We would like to express our thanks for your solidarity.

The struggle ties between the Communist Party of Turkey and fraternal AKEL, on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism, continuously develops and strengthens. Struggle for the ideals of peace and socialism creates a strong foundation for fraternity and cooperation among our parties.

Long live AKEL!

Long live Marxism-Leninism!

Long live proletarian internationalism.

May 13, 1982

I. Bilen
General Secretary
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

**TO COMRADE E. PAPAIOANNOU,
GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE
PROGRESSIVE PARTY OF WORKING PEOPLE OF CYPRUS - AKEL**

Esteemed Comrade E. Papaioannou,

On behalf of the CC of the Communist Party of Turkey and on behalf of all the communists of Turkey, I would like to congratulate You cordially on the occasion of your re-election as General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Progressive Party of Working People of Cyprus-AKEL. The communists of Turkey and working people know You as a fervent defender of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism and an outstanding leader of the communist movement in Cyprus and of the world. We believe that fraternal party AKEL will fulfil all decisions and the tasks which were put forward in the XV. Congress of AKEL, with You being the General Secretary. We wish You great success in your responsible work health, well-being and long life.

May 16, 1982

With our Communist greetings

I. Bilen
General Secretary
Central Committee
The Communist Party of Turkey

**TO THE XVIII. CONGRESS OF THE
COMMUNIST PARTY OF IRELAND**

Esteemed comrades,

On behalf of the communists and the working class of Turkey, the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey conveys its cordial wishes of success and its revolutionary greetings to the XVIII. Congress of the Communist Party of Ireland.

Your Congress takes place in a period, when the US Administration and the ruling circles of NATO are following the policy of mounting international tensions, confrontation with the socialist countries and fanning the arms race. Meanwhile, the British imperialism is intensifying its efforts in order to drag Ireland as a whole into the war machine of NATO. The struggle to defend peace and to preserve detente are embracing today broad masses of people. The communists of Ireland who are struggling for the self-determination of the Irish people and for thwarting the intrigues of NATO are in the front line of this struggle, being conscious of their responsibility in this struggle. The Leninist peace policy of the socialist community, above all of the Soviet Union which were put forward one after another are for the peace forces, the most solid guarantee in this struggle.

Your Congress takes place in a period, when in both parts of Ireland the economic crisis has been deepening, unemployment and inflation have been shifted on the shoulders of the toiling masses, and the British imperialism has been eroding the economy of Northern Ireland. The Communist Party of Ireland is calling on all progressive forces to unite their efforts for the benefits of the toilers and in the national interests of the Irish people.

Comrades,

The attacks of the reactionary military dictatorship in Turkey are directed to the broadest forces of peace and democracy, first of all to the trade union and political organizations of the working class. 52 trade unionists of DİSK (Confederation of Progressive Trade Unions) are threatened with death sentence just because of their trade union activity. Under false charges, several court cases have been opened against the Communist Party of Turkey. The prominent members of the Peace Committee of Turkey have been arrested. The terror against the Kurdish people has reached to unprecedented dimensions. The US Administration which supports the trampling on the human rights in Turkey, is intensifying its efforts in order to involve our country in its aggressive plans in the Near and Middle East. Enslaving treaties recently signed by the junta regime and the USA are part and parcel of sinister imperialist plans against the Soviet Union and against the national liberation movement in our region.

The communist Party of Turkey is working persistently, under hard conditions to

establish the united front of all national and democratic forces for rebuffing the imperialist diktat, ending the brutal exploitation of the local and foreign monopolies, for peace, national independence, democracy and freedom.

The Communist Party of Turkey and the Communist Party of Ireland have fraternal ties on the basis of the principles of Marxism-Leninism and proletarian internationalism which are developing and strengthening.

The Communist Party of Turkey wishes the XVIII. Congress of the Communist Party of Ireland to be a turning point in our common cause for peace and socialism.

Long live the Communist Party of Ireland!

Long live Marxism-Leninism!

Long live proletarian internationalism!

May 14, 1982

İ.Bilen
General Secretary
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

TO COMRADE JANOS KADAR FIRST SECRETARY OF THE CC OF THE HUNGARIAN SOCIALIST WORKERS' PARTY

Very esteemed comrade Janos Kadar,

On behalf of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey and on my own behalf, I greet You cordially on the occasion of Your 70th birthday and convey to You our best wishes.

You joined the working class movement in an earlier age in Hungary. At the rows of the Communist Youth and the Communist Party, You have waged an exemplary struggle. In the illegal struggle, You have carried out front tasks and have been arrested many times because of Your revolutionary work. You have played a vanguard role in the organization of the anti-fascist movement in Hungary. After the national and social liberation of the Hungarian people, You have fulfilled successfully different tasks both at the leadership of the workers' party and in the top echelons of the worker-peasant state. You have done very important contributions for the defeat of the counter-revolution and to building socialism in Hungary. You always hold high the friendship and the very close cooperation with the Party and the land of Lenin. The Communist Party of Turkey and the communists of our country know You as a prominent fighter of the Hungarian working class and the world communist movement, as a persistent defender of Marxism-Leninism, and as a fervent internationalist.

Very esteemed comrade Janos Kadar,

On Your 70th birthday, we wish You good health, well-being, and great successes in Your responsible duty.

26 May, 1982

With our communist greetings

İ.Bilen
General Secretary
Central Committee
Communist Party of Turkey

TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SOLIDARITY WITH CYPRUS

Dear friends,

The Central Committee of the Communist Party of Turkey wholeheartedly greets and wishes successes to the International Conference organized in Helsinki for realization of United Nations' decisions on Cyprus question.

Policy of the Reagan Administration which proposes increase of tensions and mounting armament in world scale, creates dangerous adventures also in our region. Reactionary military junta in Turkey which has been in power more than one and half year follows a

policy of trailing in the wake of the Reagan Administration. The junta which submits slavishly suppression and impositions of the American imperialism trims all democratic rights and freedoms in the country and increases repression and terror.

The US imperialism, in the face of the democratic government taking power in Greece, and successes of progressive forces in Cyprus, increases tensions in Aegean Sea and in Cyprus with the help of junta in Turkey. Nearly 40 % of the territory of independent Cyprus under occupation of Turkish military troops, almost eight years. The most reactionary circles of the NATO above all, the US imperialism do their best in order to consolidate the results of brutality, to divide the Republic of Cyprus and to use it as a "unsinkable aircraft carrier". Talks between two communities of Cyprus under the supervision of United Nations are continuously being dragged to a death end by this way.

Communist Party of Turkey, expresses its deep concern for the United Nations decisions not being realized. Decisions of the United Nations which proposes independence, sovereignty territorial integrity and non-alignment of Republic of Cyprus, immediately should be put into practice. Inter-communal talks should be carried on the basis of agreements between the governments of two communities under the supervision of United Nations, without any interference and reach to a just solution. Question of lost persons should be made clear and all refugees should be able to return their homes voluntarily.

Communist Party of Turkey wholeheartedly supports the struggle of Cypriot people for getting rid of all military bases and installations in the island, an complete demilitarisation of the island.

The working class and all peace-loving forces of Turkey, want a peaceful, democratic and just solution of the Cyprus question. It is for the benefit of peace and security in the world and in the region, to reach such a conclusion very soon.

Communist Party of Turkey emphasizes its strong belief that this Conference will further strengthen international solidarity with Cypriot people and wishes success for the Conference in its works.

May 8, 1982

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